



MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: CANNON FALLS ENERGY CENTER

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2004
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL
306 Mill Street West
Cannon Falls, MN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Invenergy Cannon Falls, LLC (Invenergy) has applied to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for a Site Permit in association with a proposal to construct, own and operate a large electric power generating plant (LEPGP) in Goodhue County, Minnesota. Invenergy's proposal, designated the Cannon Falls Energy Center, includes a 357-megawatt, simple cycle, natural gas-fired LEPP. The proposed plant is to be located at the Business Park North district of Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

A copy of the Site Permit Application is available on the EQB webpage.
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=7679>

On September 22, 2004, the EQB will conduct a public information meeting in the City of Cannon Falls' public meeting room located at city hall. The meeting will be held at 3:00 pm and at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed project, to answer questions, and to allow the public an opportunity to suggest alternatives and impacts that should be considered during preparation of the environmental review document. Written comments must be submitted no later than September 30, 2004.

An applicant who seeks to build a LEPP must obtain a site permit from the EQB for a site for the project. During the site permitting process, the EQB is required to prepare a document called an Environmental Assessment, analyzing the potential site specific impacts of the project (Minnesota Rules Chapter 4400). The site permit application will be reviewed pursuant to the Alternative Permitting Review process procedures in Minnesota Rules, part 4400.2000-2950.

Invenergy has committed all of the electricity generated to Northern States Power through the bidding process approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) in that utility's resource planning process. An electric power plant selected in a bidding process approved by the MPUC is exempt from the certificate of need (CON) process (Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422, subd. 5). Invenergy, therefore, will not be required to file for a CON from the MPUC for the Cannon Falls Energy Center.

The Chair designated EQB staff members Bill Storm as project manager and George Johnson as the public advisor in this matter. Inquiries about this project should be directed to the EQB project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) or George Johnson (george.johnson@state.mn.us) 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone 651.296.9535, facsimile 651.296.3698 (TTY relay service 800.627.3529).